

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V.RAMULU

W.P.No.26852 of 2006

Dated:27.12.2006

Between

Maddela Devadasu

.....Petitioner

and

1.The Joint Collector, (Civil Supplies
Department) Khammam, Khammam District.

...Respondents

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a Mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in not renewing licence of the petitioner issued under A.P. Petroleum Products (Licensing and Regulation of Supplies) Order, 1980 as arbitrary and illegal.

It appears that the petitioner is a kerosene hawker of Mandalapadu village, Penuballi Mandal, Khammam District. He was granted licence under the provisions of A.P. Petroleum Products (Licensing and Regulation of Supplies) Order, 1980 for distribution of kerosene in Mandalapadu, Chintagudem villages in Penuballi Mandal, Khammam District in the year 1988 by the 2nd respondent and the same was renewed from time to time upto 31.12.1995. Later, the licence was

renewed by the 1st respondent till 31.12.2005. Further, the respondents have not renewed his licence. Subsequently, on 5.10.2006 a show cause notice has been issued to the petitioner alleging certain irregularities, for which, the petitioner submitted his explanation, but no orders have been passed till date. As on today, the licence of the petitioner is neither cancelled nor suspended. Further, the proceedings under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act were also initiated and no action has been taken till date.

It is the case of the petitioner that in this regard, he made a representation dated 28.12.2005 and the same is pending with the respondents.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on merits, the 1st respondent is directed to consider the representation purported to have been made by the petitioner on 28.12.2005 and dispose of the same, within a period of four weeks, from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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